



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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DIRECTION

WHEREAS, BOMBAY TEA SHOP (HOTEL) (hereinafter referred as the Eatery) operates its restaurant/eatery located at 9A, Zakaria Street, P. S. – Jorasanko, Kolkata – 700 073 was called for a technical hearing on 07-07-2009 at the Head Office of the WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD as there is persistent public complaint against the Eatery alleging emission of obnoxious smoke from its coal-fired chullahas/ovens and transmission of heat through the common wall shared by the Eatery with one of the complainants, jewelry shop.

WHEREAS, on several occasions the Board issued directions to the Eatery to convert all the coal-fired ovens to gas-fired ones. The unit was even penalized through imposition of a pollution cost by the Board for noncompliance.

WHEREAS, it is revealed from the recent report of inspection that although the Eatery has converted most of the (eight nos.) coal-fired oven to gas-fired ovens, the Eatery still continues to use coal-fired chullahas/ovens for cooking some specific food items. The smoke emitted from the coal-fired ovens is still a major cause of air pollution from the activity of the Eatery.

WHEREAS, during hearing the representatives of the Eatery as also the Ld. Advocate appearing on behalf of the Eatery agreed that although the unit has taken necessary steps to convert the coal-fired chullahas/oven to gas-fired ones, the Eatery is still using coal-fired chullahas for cooking some specific food items as the same cannot be cooked in gas-fired ovens.

WHEREAS, the representatives and the Ld. Advocate representing the Eatery was duly apprised that the use of coal in the area in question has already been banned through an order of the Hon'ble High Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the facts and circumstances as stated above and upon hearing the submission from both the unit and the complainants M/S. BOMBAY TEA SHOP (HOTEL) is hereby directed as under.

1. The Eatery should stop use of coal as fuel forthwith.
2. The wall shared by the Eatery and the Jewelry shop should be properly insulated to reduce the heat transmission as the gas-fired ovens are placed along the common wall. The Technical Committee suggested that the transmission of heat can be minimized by putting two layer of asbestos sheet of 10 mm. thickness having a minimum air gap of two inches between the sheets.

3. The eatery should commission adequately designed suction hood over the gas-fired ovens fitted with proper suction arrangement and chimney to vent out the hot air as also any gases generated during the cooking process. The chimney will have to be raised minimum up to four feet above the roof height.
4. The Eatery is also hereby directed not to encroach upon the adjoining footpath for any of its activity.
5. Three months time is allowed to the Eatery for compliance of above directions. The Eatery will have to submit the report of compliance after the expiry of three months time.

In case of noncompliance of the above direction within the stipulated time frame, the Board will initiate stricter regulatory action including closure of the Eatery without any further reference in the matter.

This direction is issued in exercise of the power conferred under Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder after being approved by the Competent Authority.

By Order,

Sd/-

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